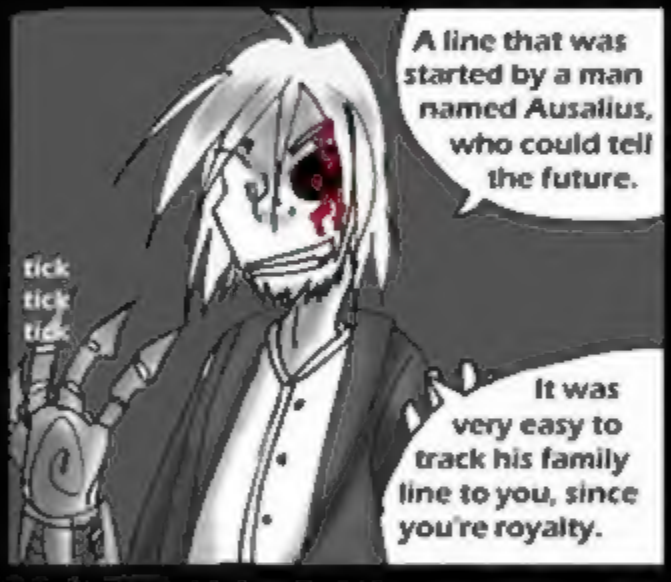
But why is he after Prince Paollo?
Hello.
click click
Credenza! Run!
ARRG!
WHUMP
I will deal with THIS later.
KLONK!
Eric...
My business is with YOU.
click click whirr

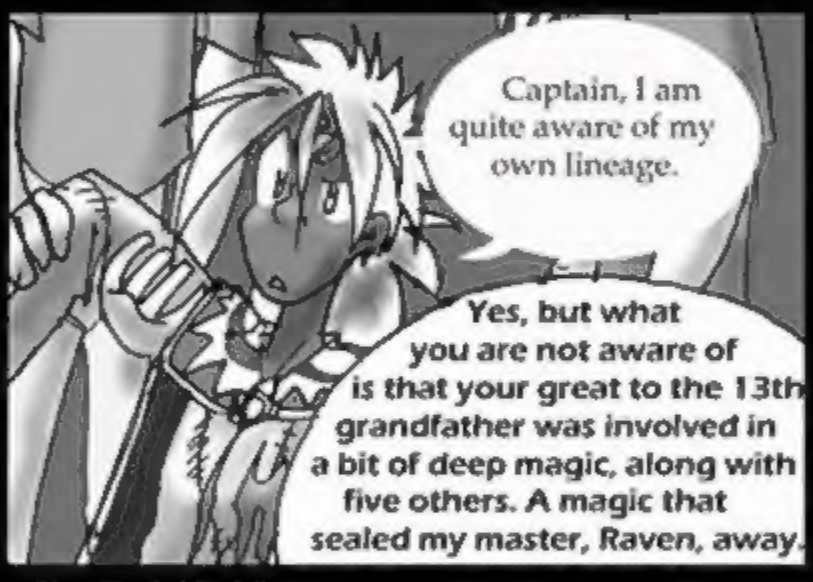
PAOLLO! GET OUT OF HERE!
Riiip!
Sure Paollo, go fetch your guards. Not that they'll do any good.
But seriously, you can leave, I'm in no hurry. Besides, I have your friend here so I won't be bored while you're gone.
Now, hold on, if you hurt one hair on her head, you son of a salesman, I'll-
Grk!
Honestly, sometimes I'm glad I don't have a heart anymore.
My 90 year-old grandma was harder to kill than you.

We've captured the guard Captain. The few who aren't wounded were forced to surrender.
Once their magic was nulled it was all too easy to round them up.
We could do whatever we want with them now. Kill them, torture them.
Force them to watch as we slowly kill the prince. There are any number of ways.
We could even steal their souls and turn them into darkeyes. Not quite as entertaining, but more useful.
You have a very devious mind Han, but we could not break the guards.
Their loyalty to the prince is too strong.
Click click clack
And we don't want to hurt the prince. We need him whole and healthy. At least for now.

I don't care what it is, I won't do it! I'm not helping a bunch of murdering pirates!
Clickclik hisss
Oh, that's fine, we don't actually need you to DO anything.

You are Prince Paolio Majestan, thirteenth in the royal line of the East.


A line that was started by a man named Ausalius, who could tell the future.
tick tick tick
It was very easy to track his family line to you, since you're royalty.


Captain, I am quite aware of my own lineage.
Yes, but what you are not aware of is that your great to the 13th grandfather was involved in a bit of deep magic, along with five others. A magic that sealed my master, Raven, away.

vreee
A magic that I intend, with a little help from you, to undo.

AAAUUG
ZKRAAATCH!

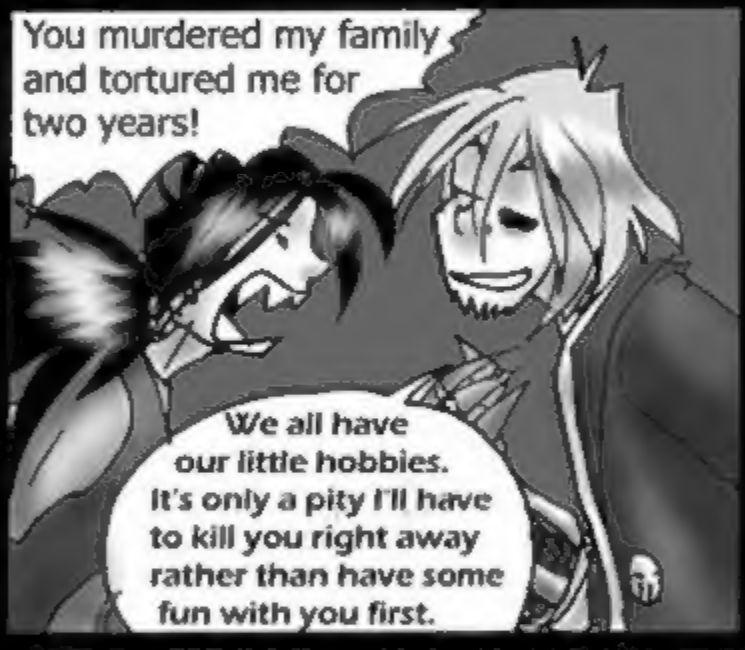
Gkk...
Gasp...
Gasp...
Gasp...
click
click
A soul. Not just any soul either. One of the purest in the world.
And now it is mine! Five more and Raven will be free again.
YOU MONSTER! Why are you doing this?! What did Paolo ever do to anyone?
If you did anything to hurt him...

Paolio's soul is very safe. After all, this arm was created for the purpose of holding it.
But what could you, little girl, have done to me if I had hurt the prince?
The power of Raven is incredible, and it is increasing all the time.
His servants are scattered across the world, even in your own group.
Ehrn... what happened?
The will of your friend is unusually strong, but it will break. Now, raven, tell me why I find you among this group, unable to control your body.
Forgive me General! The mind of this human is strange and twisting, it has a will that is almost inhuman.
I almost had him under my control when this girl just appeared. She has a strange power, one that could be a danger to us if we do not control it.
A strange power? Little raven, it seems to me that rather than try to control it...
It would be simpler to just destroy such a power, don't you think?

Now that I look at you though... there is something vaguely familiar about you...

You filthy, loathsome, inexcusably evil, poorly dressed coward!
Of course! I recognize those insults! Can it really be Credenza?

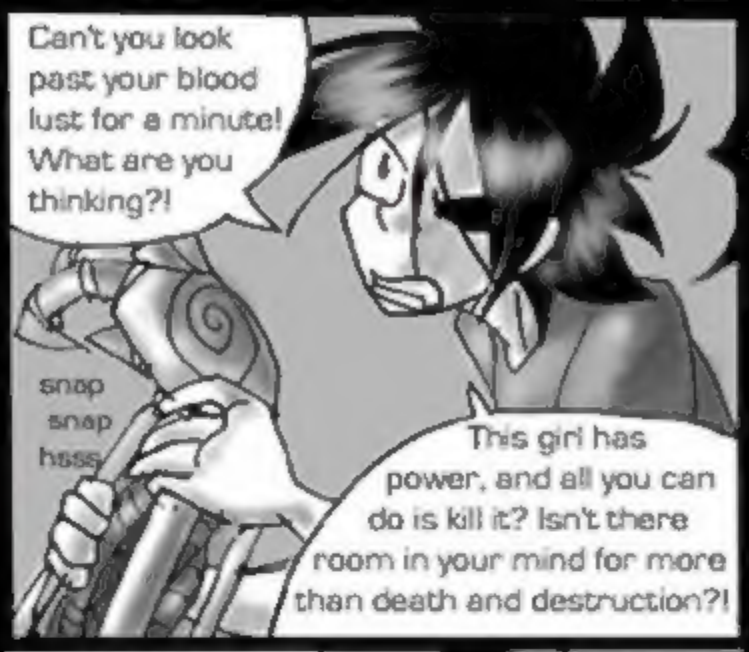
Who would have thought I would ever see that rebellious snarl again?
Has it really only been 10 years since I last saw that little bilge rat of a slave girl?


You murdered my family and tortured me for two years!
We all have our little hobbies. It's only a pity I'll have to kill you right away rather than have some fun with you first.

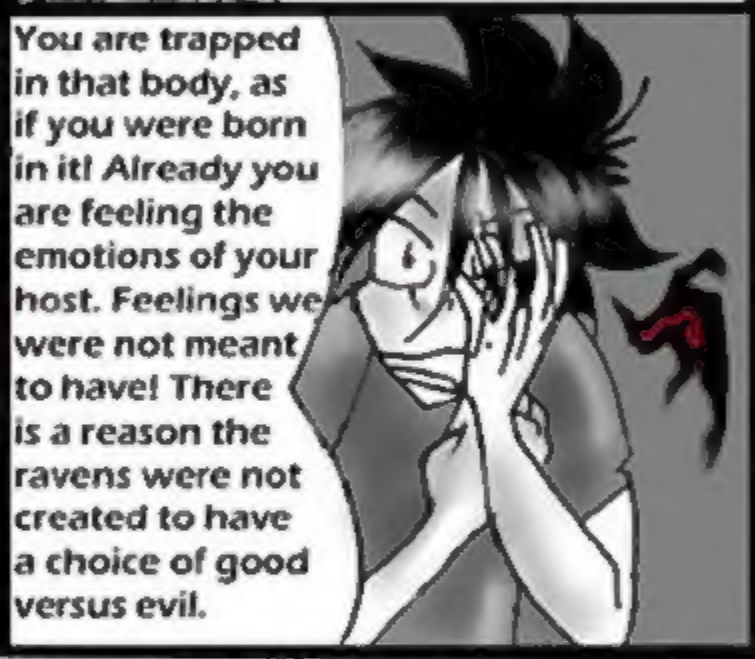
Captain Snow, I really think that the girl could prove useful to us, there's no need to kill her.
There's no need to keep her alive either. We only need the six heirs, we don't need Credenza.

Pleasure to meet you again Credenza, too bad it couldn't last.
It's only too bad I couldn't make you suffer like you made my friends.

EURF!
click
wree


Can't you look past your blood lust for a minute! What are you thinking?!
snap
snap
hsss
This girl has power, and all you can do is kill it? Isn't there room in your mind for more than death and destruction?!

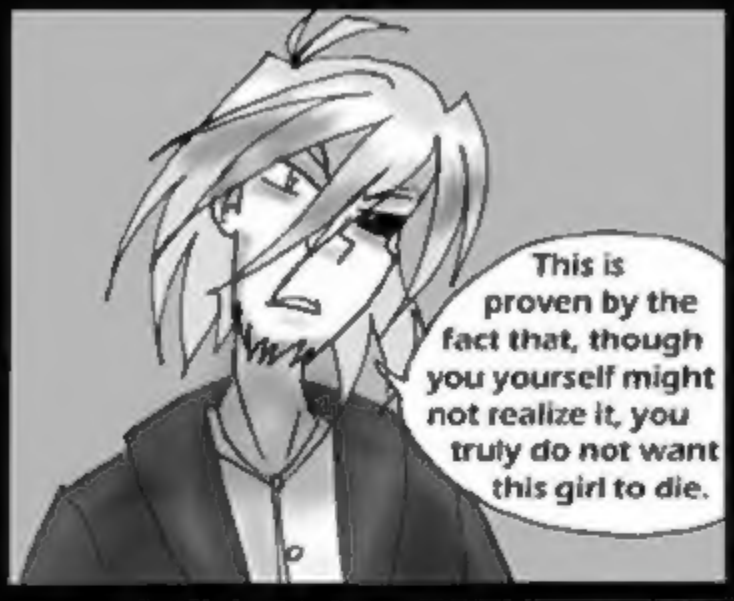
We are of the Raven! We ARE destruction!
AUGH!
SLASH!
What were you thinking when you let your left eye be destroyed? Your only means of escape from that body!


You are trapped in that body, as if you were born in it! Already you are feeling the emotions of your host. Feelings we were not meant to have! There is a reason the ravens were not created to have a choice of good versus evil.

I can see it, writhing inside you. There are two souls inside that body, not just two minds, two SOULS! Your heart, which Raven made broken, has been completed. You have developed a real, human soul!
tcka
tcka
tcka

No! I am one of the ravens, a part of Raven himself! My only wish is to set Raven free from his prison and to become one with him again! Surely I can still serve him in this body, even if I'm trapped in it!

It is not enough. Just having the ability to rebel...
...makes you a liability that needs to be destroyed.


This is proven by the fact that, though you yourself might not realize it, you truly do not want this girl to die.

I know this girl too well to think we could ever bend her to our will. She would rather die than be broken.
Errg!
Her only power is inspiring loyalty where it doesn't belong.

A talent, little raven, that is too dangerous to live.
crackle!
snap

.....

I gave you loyalty and you spat on it. I may die, but you will not forget this little raven easily.

AAAUUUGGH
Souls are such a waste of space. I'll gut that little worm for turning traitor on us.
KLONK!
CRUNCH!
Grrrrr
Hsssssss
Riiiiiip
Do you really think this will do any good?